

REMARKS

Favorable reconsideration of this application, as presently amended and in light of the following discussion, is respectfully requested.

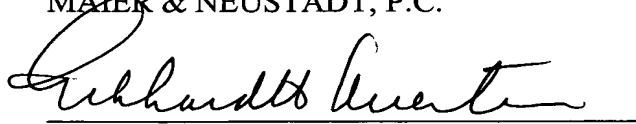
Claims 1-15 and 26-28 are pending in the present application. No new matter is added.

In the outstanding Office Action, Claims 1-15 and 26-28 were rejected under obviousness-type double patenting as unpatentable over Claims 1-14, 22, and 23, respectively, of U.S. Application No. 10/603,771. In view thereof, Applicants submit a Terminal Disclaimer, enclosed herewith, disclaiming the terminal part of any patent issued on the present application and extending beyond the term of any patent issued on U.S. Application No. 10/603,771. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that the rejection be withdrawn.

Consequently, in light of the above discussion, the present application is believed to be in condition for allowance. An early and favorable action to that effect is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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